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occur as designated but in addition, at least, currently as Chairman of the Performance and Review and Audit Committee, I would imagine....I have not conferred with the entire committee, but I would imagine that I can probably say that the committee would expect and will do the performance review which is the part of the sunset in any event, and there is no question as far as I am concerned about that occurring, and the other provisions that are contained in their amendment again, it is my understanding that it is essentially redundant and does not change anything from the way it is now. And I will go back....the only reason 958 was introduced in the first place was a part of a policy the Appropriations Committee has had for some time looking at cash funded agencies that were expending at a faster rate than they were collecting fees, and we constantly look for ways to bring some efficiency in those areas, and in this case by putting them under the Board of Examiners as 958 proposes it avoided a fee increase. It will be a more efficient operation and it will be conducted as the....or it will be carried out as the other related health professions are conducted. So, and I might add as far as the School of Psychologists, a couple of years ago I supported their legislation when it failed so that that is not the issue at all as far as I am concerned, and I think their concern can be more appropriately addressed in separate legislation as Senator Simon has already indicated will be probably offered next year.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, very briefly, I think the legislative record is clear now. I think that this bill has...a lot of you have received what I think is inaccurate information on this particular piece of legislation. I know for one thing, a number of you have been told that the bill was not even printed before the hearing and that there were only five days between the time the bill was introduced and the time that the Public Health and Welfare Committee had a hearing on this issue. There eleven days and the bill was printed. And I think that that small example should illustrate to you that perhaps some of the other information you have received on this issue may, in fact, be incorrect as well. The issue is a very simple one as Senator Warner explained. It is not intended to change in a significant manner the operation of this board. I think the policy making function is still to retain....be retained with the professionals and they are simply to receive the support from the Department of Health, very similar to LB 847 which deals with the nurses. So I would urge you to reject the amendments as Senator Simon has indicated. I think the record is clear